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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is the Mother's Milk of growth and prosperity. When only a few providers dominate a market--an oligarchy--I am not happy because it is evident that they are exercising their power for their own benefit, and ultimately not for the benefit of consumers. The consumers are those who are direct customers as well as non-customers who might be indirectly affected by the anti-competitive behavior of the dominate providers.

Little, or no competition ultimately increases the cost of living for all of us--customers and non-customers, too.

Do not allow blocking off of competition in broadband or other FCC regulated services.

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